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ABSTRACT of the Ship *Worceſter's* Proceedings on the Coaſt of *Mallabar*, in *Eaſt-India*, where the Crimes Charged are ſaid to be Committed,

November 15. 1702. The ſaid Ship Arrived at *Anjango*, a Fort of the *Engliſh Eaſt-India* Company on the Coaſt of *Mallabar*, from whence ſhe Proceeded to the ſeveral Ports, following. All which are on the ſaid Coaſt.

November	17.	1703.	Arrived at *Callequilon*.
	21.		Arrived at *Quilon*.
December	22.		Arrived at *Callequilon*.
January	10.		Arrived at *Cochin*.
	24.		Arrived at *Calicut*.
February	27.		Arrived at *Cochin*.
March	8.		Arrived at *Callequilon*.

April 10. 1703. About this Day the Sloop was drove Aſhoar, and Loſt near *Carnepola*, where the Ship is now Ordered to.

24. Endeavoured to get to *Quilon*, but Anchored between *Quilon* and *Anjango*,

26. Saw a Ship which was Adviſed to be the *Aureng-Zeb*, Capt. *Blewett*: The Weather being Stormy, drove nearer to the *Aureng-Zeb*. Capt. *Blewett* ſeeing by a Signal, that the *Worceſter* was in Diſtreſs, ſent his Chief Mate (now Captain of the ſaid Ship) with his Long-Boat on Board Capt. *Green*, who found the Ship very Leaky, and a Cable parted; after which, at Capt. *Green*'s Requeſt, Capt. *Blewett* and his Chief Mate came on Board the *Worceſter* and Surveyed the Ship, and acquainted the *Supra-Cargo*, that the ſaid Ship the *Worceſter* was not in a Condition to return to *England* without Repairing.

May 4. Mr. *Robert Callant*, the *Supra-Cargo* and Capt. *Green* went Aſhoar at *Anjango* to adviſe with Mr. *Braburn*, Governour of the ſaid Fort, where to go to Refit the Ship; he gave his Advice in Writing, Signed by himſelf and Councel, for the Ship to go to *Bangal*.

5. Departed from *Anjango* for *Bangal*, many of the Ship's Crew being Sick with Feavours and Fluxes, and ſeveral dead.

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An Abſtract of the Depoſitions of the Witneſſes to prove Capt. *Green* and his Crew guilty of Piracy and Murther, with the Proofs and Circumſtances which are to be had at preſent to Invalidate their Teſtimony.

Depoſitions of Antonio Ferdinando, *Cooks-Mate.*

THAT he is a Chriſtian: That at *Callequilon* on the Coaſt of *Mallabar*, he did come on Board the Sloop belonging to the *Worceſter*, and went in the ſaid Sloop from *Callequilon* to *Quilon*, thence to *Cocheen*, thence to *Callicut*, and thence to *Tillicherry:* That on the Coaſt of *Mallabar*, thereafter did ſee an Engagement betwixt the ſaid *Sloop*, the *Worceſter*, and another Ship ſailed by White Men, ſpeaking *Engliſh*, and bearing *Engliſh* Colours, that the ſaid Colours were Red, White and Black, like to thoſe Capt. *Green*'s Ship did bear: That firſt the ſaid Capt. *Green* the Merchant, and Mr. *Loveday* went on Board the Stranger's Ship, and ſtay'd about the ſpace of a Glaſs, then returned Aboard the *Worceſter*, and then did Man the Sloop with about Twenty Men, whereof were Capt. *Green*, Mr. *Loveday*, and the *Supra-Cargo*, the Carpenter and Gunner, and that there was Four Guns and Two Pattereroes in the *Sloop*; and thereafter Capt. *Madder* came on board the *Sloop*; That they did Engage the ſaid Ship for the firſt and ſecond Days, and on the Third Day the ſaid Ship was boarded by thoſe in the *Sloop*, who took up the Crew of the ſaid Ship from under Deck, killed them with Hatchets, and threw them Over-board, and that Capt. *Green*, Capt. *Madder* and *James Simpſon* the Gunner were Three of thoſe that killed the Men, and that the *Worceſter* came up during the ſaid Engagement, did fire at the ſaid Ship, and believes that the Men killed were about Ten, and that there were but few Goods on board of the Taken Ship, which were carried on board the *Worceſter*; amongſt which was ſome *China-root*, and that the Taken Ship was ſailed by ſome of the *Worceſter*'s

ſter's Crew to *Callequilon* and there ſold; That he knows not what Men were killed on board the *Worceſter* or her *Sloop*, but that the Deponent was wounded in the Arm, and Depones, that Capt. *Madder* told him, if ever he told any Perſon, of the ſaid Engagement, he would kill him, and heave him over-board, and that the Coat he now wears was found on board the Taken Ship, and that during the ſaid Engagement, *Haines*, *Ballingtine*, *Bucklie*, *Willcocks*, *Burne*, *Robertſon*, *Gleen* and *Taylor*, Eight of the Pannels were on board the *Worceſter*, and that *Keagle*, *Kitchin* and *Linſtead* were aboard the *Sloop* with Capt. *Green*, *Madder* and *Simpſon*, and believes that *Reynolds* was then Aſhoar, and that the ſaid Ship was ſold to a King in *Mallabar*, whoſe Servant is *Coga Comodo*, and that the ſaid Engagement was betwixt *Tillicherry* and *Callicut*, and that he cannot tell poſſitively how many Guns the Taken Ship did bear, but thinks about Twenty ſmall and great, and believes, that the Engagement happened about a Month after he went Aboard Capt. *Green*'s Sloop, and cannot be poſitive when the *Worceſter* did Engage the Taken Ship, whither the firſt, ſecond or third Day, and that the Engagement was by way of a running Fight, that he knows not who did Sail in the Taken Ship to *Callequilon*, that he can write the *Mallabar*-Character.

Robert Forbes. *Signed by*

Capt. George Yeaman, *Sworn Interpreter.*

An Anſwer to the Depoſitions of Antonio Ferdinando *an* Indian *Black.*

THat he did not Sail in the *Worceſter* (or her Sloop) till the ſaid Ship departed from *Anjango* bound to *Bangal*, as is confirmed by the Depoſition of *Ant. Franſiſco* one of the Evidences who depoſes, That this Deponent did not come Aboard the *Worceſter* till they were going to *Bangal*, which was in the beginning of *May*, 1703.

That

That the *Worceſter*'s Crew, when arrived on the *Mallabar* Coaſt, was no more then 35 Men and Boys, one whereof died ſoon after: That five of that Number, *viz.* the Surgeon, *Reynolds*, *Linſtead*, *Ockley* and *Hammond* were aſhoar, as is owned by the Witneſſes againſt the Priſoners; who depoſes, That to Engage that Ship, the Sloop was Mann'd with One and Twenty Men, that Captain *Green*, Captain *Madder*, the Chief Mate, Mr. *Loveday*, the Purſer, the Supra-Cargo, the Carpinter and Gunner were on Board the Sloop, ſo that by his Depoſitions, there remained but Nine Men on Board the *Worceſter* for an Engagement of Three Days; and amongſt thoſe Nine Men, neither *Captain*, nor *Supra-Cargo*, nor *Purſer*, nor *Chief* or *Second Mate*, *Gunner*, nor *Carpenter*, which ſeems very improbable, that the Captain and all the Principal Officers of the Ship ſhould leave their own Ship with only Nine Men on board, to Engage another Ship with their *Sloop*; and that for Three Days together, eſpecially when their own Ship was ſo near the Stranger's Ship as for Capt. *Green* and others to go on board Her before the Engagement, as this Deponent ſaith.

This Deponent ſays, The Taken Ship was ſailed by ſome of the *Worceſter*'s Crew to *Callequilon*: Whereas *Charles May*, one of the Witneſſes againſt Capt. *Green* ſays, She was carried to *Quilon*, which is Contradictory.

That the ſaid Ship the *Worceſter* never went to the *Northward* of *Callicut*; during her being on the *Mallabar-Coaſt*, ſo was impoſſible to take any Ship between *Callicut* and *Tillicherry*, *Tillicherry* being about thirty Miles to the *Northward* of *Callicut*.

That he Depones the Taken Ship to have about Twenty Guns, and the ſaid Ship's Crew killed to be about Ten Men, which ſeems very inconſiſtent,

This Witneſs died ſuddenly the ſame Day Capt. Green, *&c. received their Sentence of Death.*

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Depoſitions of Charles May, *Surgeon.*

THat he went from *England* in the Ship *Worceſter*, that he was ſet aſhoar at the Landing-place near *Callequillon*, that he went thither, that about a Fortnight after he heard firing of Guns as at Sea; that he met *Coga Comodo*, and *Franciſco de Olivera*, who came from the Landing-place, and asked them what meaned the Shooting: That they anſwered, the *Worceſter* was gone out, and was fighting at Sea with another Ship; that the next Morning he came to the Shoar, where he did ſee the *Worceſter* riding in her Birth, much about the ſame place where ſhe had lain before, which was about four Miles from the Shoar, and that there was then another Veſſel riding with the *Worceſter* at her Stern; that ſome time after, the ſame Morning the *Worceſter*'s Long-Boat came aſhore in great haſte, that he asked them, What was the matter brought them aſhore? The Men anſwered, Capt. *Madder* had ſent them aſhoar for a Country-boat, with Water, they having ſpilt and ſtaved all their Water aboard, and that they had been busking all Night: That the ſaid Men told him, They had brought a Ship in with them, that he made no ſtay at the Shoar, but returned to *Callequilon*; that five or ſix Days after, he went aboard where he ſaw the Deck of the *Worceſter* lumbered with Goods, and five or ſix Cheſts, alſo ſome Bales of Goods, and that he did ſay to Mr. *Madder*, Seignior, what have you got there, you are full of Buſineſs? And that Mr. *Madder* did then Curſe him, and bid him go mind his Plaiſter-Box. That the Deponent was aferwards informed that the Ship which was riding at the Stern of the *Worceſter*, was ſold to *Coga Comodo*, Merchant at *Quilon*; and that the Ship was brought there by a part of the *Worceſter*'s Crew: That the *Linguiſter* told him, That *Coga Comodo* complained he had bought the Ship too dear; that ſome time after the Sloop came down the Coaſt, and that *Antonio Fardinando* was ſet aſhoar to the Deponent, and that he was wounded in the Arm, ſeeming to be occaſioned by a Gun-ſhot; that ſome time after he went on board the *Worceſter*, and called for the ſaid Black, and any others that were ill, when came *Duncan Maccay*, and another, who were alſo wounded, and asked the

ſaid

ſaid Patients how they came by their Wounds, Mr. *Madder* bid him ask no Queſtions, and diſcharged the Patients to anſwer any Queſtions at their peril. That Mr. *Madder* ordered the Deponent aſhoar, who was accordingly carried aſhoar in the Country-boat, lying by the Ship's ſide: That all this deponed did fall out about the Months of *January* or *February*, 1703. That whilſt the Ship *Worceſter* was going up the Coaſt of *Mallabar*, Mr. *Linſtead* one of the Crew was left at *Quilon*, which was about One and twenty Miles from *Callequilon*: That the Shooting which the Deponent heard, was before the Ship came back, and that thereafter, during the Voyage, he never heard any of the Crew talk of their taking a Ship. That whilſt he was aboard, the Ship went no further up than *Callicut*; that it was in the *Worceſter*'s going up the Coaſt of *Mallabar*, that he heard the Shooting, that when he came aboard from *Callequilon*, the Ship ſailed to *Cochin*, and thence to *Callicut*, and came back the ſame way; that when he returned found Mr. *Hammond* and Mr. *Linſtead* aſhoar at *Quilon*.

Subſcribed,

Charles May.

Anſwers to the Depoſitions of Charles May.

AFter his being aſhoar at *Callequilon*, about fourteen Days, ſays; he heard Guns as at Sea, and in the latter part of his Depoſitions ſays, that it was in the *Worceſter*, going up the *Mallabar* Coaſt, that he heard the Shooting, which is contradictory.

That the next Morning he came to the Shoar-ſide, where he ſaw the *Worceſter* riding in her Birth as before, with another Veſſel riding at her Stern, that the Long-boat came aſhoar for Water, that they had been Busking all Night; that he went aboard the *Worceſter*, that he returned aſhoar again. All which is in a great meaſure cleared by comparing the following Particulars.

April the 10th, 1703. the *Worceſter* departed from *Callequilon* to *Carnipole*, leaving the Surgeon aſhoar at *Callequilon*.

April the 29th, 1703. the *Worceſter* was drove by Streſs of Weather from near the Road of *Quilon* near to *Anjango*, where coming near the *Aureng Zeb*, Capt. *Blewitt*, the *Worceſter*, ſaluted her with five Guns, which ſeems to be the ſame Guns heard by the Surgeon, there being nineteen Days from his being left aſhoar at *Callequilon*, to the Firing of thoſe Guns, whereas he ſays he had been aſhoar about fourteen Days, when he heard the Guns.

As he depones that he ſaw a Ship at the *Worceſter*'s Stern, the *Aureng Zeb* did then lie a Stern of the *Worceſter*, and not far from her.

The *Worceſter* ſupplied the *Aureng Zeb* with freſh Water, which occaſioned their ſending for more freſh Water from the Shoar.

By busking all Night was meant, as (*viz.*) The *Worceſter* was bound from *Carnipole* to *Quilon*, but the Wind blowing hard and contrary, could not fetch *Quilon*, and had been busking to Windward. For as his Depoſition ſays busking all Night, without meaning any further time, it cannot be ſuppoſed that busking only one Night, could be in ſearch of any Ship, much leſs the taken Ship, which *Antonio Ferdinando* depoſes was chaſed Three Days.

This Deponent ſays, the taken Ship was carried to *Quilon*; whereas *Antonio Ferdinando* ſays ſhe was carried to *Callequilon*, which is Twenty one Miles diſtant from *Quilon*, and ſo is contradictory.

This Deponent owns, that after what had paſſed as aforeſaid, he did never hear any of the *Worceſter*'s Crew talk of taking any Ship, which 'tis very probable he would have heard ſomething of, if it had been ſo, he being in the *Worceſter* about eighteen Months after the pretended Fact.

He depoſes, that the *Worceſter* went no further up than *Callicut* while he was aboard, which agrees with the Captain's Journal of the Voyage, and gives ſome reaſon to confirm the Journal that the Ship never went no further up than *Callicut*, and if ſo makes it impoſſible for the *Worceſter* to take a Ship between *Callicut* and *Tellecherry*, as *Antonio Ferdinando* has depoſed. This

This Deponent ſays, he was at *Callequilon*, when he heard the Guns, and *Antonio Ferdinando* depoſes, the Engagement was between *Tellecherry* and *Callicut*, which could not be leſs than 140 Miles diſtant from *Callequilon*, ſo impoſſible for both Depoſitions to be true.

This Deponent ſays, That Mr. *Thomas Linſtead* was left at *Quilon*, when the *Worceſter* went up the Coaſt of *Mallabar*, and gives ſeveral Reaſons for it: Whereas *Antonio Ferdinando* ſays, Mr. *Linſtead* was on Board the Sloop in the Engagement, which Engagement, if ever happened where *Antonio Ferdinando* ſays it did, muſt be when the *Worceſter* went up the *Mallabar* Coaſt to *Callicut*, (which ſhe did but once) therefore impoſſible for Mr. *Linſtead* to be aſhoar at *Quilon*, and on board the Sloop in the Engagement.

Affidavit of Capt. Stephen Grandell, *Commander of the* Aureng Zeb, *and Mr.* Henry Walter.

STephen *Grandell* of *London*, Mariner, Commander of the *Aureng Zeb*; and *Henry Walter* of *London*, Mariner, Second Mate of the ſaid Ship, make Oath, That on the Two and twentieth Day of *April*, One thouſand ſeven hundred and three, theſe Deponents arrived in the ſaid Ship on the Coaſt of *Mallabar*, near the Port of *Anjango*, and that on the Nine and twentieth Day of the ſaid *April*, the Ship *Worceſter*, *Thomas Green* Commander, by Streſs of Weather, was drove from the Road of *Quilon*, near to the Road of *Anjango*, where the ſaid Ship *Aureng Zeb* then was, and that the ſaid Ship *Worceſter* did then fire five Guns as a Salute to the *Aureng Zeb*, who returned the Salute. That the ſaid Ships lay three Days at the ſaid place, in Company with each other, in which time the Captains, Super-Cargoes, Officers, and others of the ſaid Ships Companies, were ſeveral times on board each others Ships; particularly theſe Deponents were on board the ſaid Ship *Worceſter*, during the ſaid time, and Mr. *Madder*, the Chief Mate of the

ſaid Ship, was then ſick in the Cabbin, and that the ſaid Ships were ſupplied from each other with Water, and other Neceſſaries, and that the ſaid Ships ſaluted each other ſeveral times, with ſeveral Guns, during the ſaid ſpace of Three Days, and likewiſe at their departure, which was on the Third Day of *May* then following, the *Aureng Zeb* being bound to *Surat*, and the *Worceſter* to *Anjango*: That theſe Deponents in the ſaid Ship *Aureng Zeb*, proceeded to *Carwarr*, from thence to *Bombay* and *Surat*, and returned to *Bombay*, *Carwarr*, *Onor*, *Mangalor*, thence to *Callicut*, and *Anjango* aforeſaid, on the *Mallabar* Coaſt, from which laſt place they departed the Fourteenth Day of *February*, $170\frac{3}{4}$, bound for *England*; and that at all the aforeſaid places theſe Deponents were aſhoar, and had Converſation with the Chiefs and Factors of the *Engliſh* Factories and Natives there, where they did never hear of any Robbery, Pyracy, or Murther committed by any of the ſaid Ship *Worceſter*'s Company, and do verily believe, That if any ſuch Crime had been committed, theſe Deponents ſhould have heard thereof; and that the Governour of the *Engliſh* Fort at *Anjango*, did declare to theſe Deponents, that he was concerned for the ſaid Ship *Worceſter* (ſhe having ſprung a Leak) leaſt ſhe ſhould not get ſafe to *Bengall*, where ſhe was bound to refit for her Voyage to *England*: And the ſaid *Henry Walter* maketh Oath, That during the time of his being on board the Ship *Worceſter*, when ſhe lay near the Road of *Anjango*, *Charles May* the Surgeon of the Ship *Worceſter*, came on board her from the Shoar.

Jurat viceſimo ſexto die Martii, 1705. *Coram me*,

Steph. Grandall,
Henry Walter.

J. Smith.

Depoſitions

Depoſitions of Antonio Franſiſco, *an* Indian *Black.*

THAT he is a Chriſtian: That upon the Coaſt of *Mallabar*, whilſt he was on board the *Worceſter* he heard ſome Shooting of about Six Guns from aboard the *Worceſter*, and that he was then Chained and Nailed to the *Forecaſtle*, and heard no Shooting from any other Ship. That about Two Days after he ſaw ſome Goods brought aboard the *Worceſter*, which *Antonio Ferdinando* told him were brought from another Ship which they had taken. That he alſo told him, there was Ten Men of the Taken Ship killed when ſhe was taken. That he did then let the Deponent ſee a Plaiſter on his Arm, upon which he ſaid, he had got a Wound by a Shot while in the Sloop, taking the other Ship. And that he told the Deponent, That the ſaid Ship was taken by the Sloop belonging to the *Worceſter*. That this Deponent did neither hear of, or ſee any other Wounded Men; and that he was told by the other Black, that after the Shooting, they were ſailing to *Callequilon*, and the ſaid Black did forbid the Deponent to tell any Perſon of the ſaid Engagement, and that *Antonio Ferdinando* told him all theſe Matters upon the Coaſt of *Mallabar*, and that the ſaid *Antonio* came aboard the Ship *Worceſter* when they were going to *Bengal*. That he was ſo Chained about Ten Days before he heard the ſaid Shooting, and continued Chained Two Months.

Signed

Rt. Forbes. Geo. Yeaman, *Interpreter.*

Anſwer to the Depoſition of Antonio Franſiſco.

HE Depoſes he heard no ſhooting from any other Ship, which ſeems Inconſiſtent with the Depoſition of *Antonio Ferdinando*, who depoſes, That the Taken Ship was of about Twenty Guns, and Manned with White Men, who ſpoke *Engliſh*; and that the Engagement laſted Three Days. If ſo, 'tis reaſona-

reaſonable to conclude, that ſome Guns muſt be fired from the other Ship.

He Depoſes, That he did neither hear of, or ſee any other Wounded Men, ſave *Antonio Ferdinando*, who he depoſes came Aboard the *Worceſter* when they were going to *Bengal*. So could not be in the pretended Engagement, as he the ſaid *Antonio Ferdinando* depoſes.

Depoſitions of James Wilkie, Keneth Mackenzie, VVilliam VVood, John Henderſon *and* Anna Seaton.

THE aforementioned *Depoſitions* is to prove ſeveral *Speeches* uttered by *George Haines*, one of the *Worceſter*'s Crew in *Scotland*, tending to his Knowledge and Concealing of ſomething relating to a Ship Commanded by Capt. *Drummond*, who went from *Scotland* to *Eaſt India*, and not heard of ſince there; alſo that he had thrown ſomething Over-board on the Seizure of the *Worceſter*, which he would not ſhould have been found; that there was ſomething in the Ship would never be found. That he wondered ſince the Ship did not ſink under them at Sea, the Earth did not ſwallow them up for their Sins committed during the Voyage, and other ſuch like Speeches: All which is received as Accumulative and Concurring Preſumptions to prove the Piracy and Robbery on Capt. *Green* and his Crew.

Anſwer to the Depoſitions of James VVilkei, *&c.*

BY theſe Depoſitions are endeavoured to be proved, that *George Haines* had ſome Knowledge of Capt. *Drummond*'s Ship; which Ship not being heard of ſince her Departure from *Scotland*, has given cauſe of Suſpicion there, that the Ship ſaid to be taken by the *Worceſter*, muſt be Captain *Drummond*'s Ship.

In

In the Edinburgh Gazette, *Dated* March 29. 1705. *is the following Paragraph.*

WE hear that *George Haines*, one of Capt. *Green*'s Crew condemn'd for Piracy, formerly mention'd; has made a farther Acknowledgment of the Crimes for which he, and the ſaid Crew are Condemn'd; and particularly, that the Veſſel taken by them on the Coaſt of *Mallabar* (condeſcended on by the Witneſſes) was a Ship belonging to our *Indian* and *African Company*, Commanded by Capt. *Drummond*; and that they Murthered all the Men on board Her, by chopping off ſome of their Heads with a Hatchet, and tying others back to back and throwing them into the Sea. He has likewiſe given Information of ſeveral other Things, which gives a great deal of Light to the whole Matter. 'Tis ſaid, ſeveral others of the Crew have dropt ſome Words which do inſinuate the Guilt; but ſeem to ſcruple the making of a plain Confeſſion, in regard of an Oath of Secrecy which was made amongſt them.

For the clearing of the Matter Charged in Relation to Capt. Drummond's *Ship, refer to the following Affidavit.*

Burrough of *Portſmouth.*

BE IT KNOWN unto all Men by theſe Preſents, That upon the One and Thirtieth Day of *March*, *Anno Dom.* 1705. Before *John Vineing*, *Eſq*; Mayor of the ſaid *Burrough*, and *George Huiſh*, Gent. Notary and Tabelian Publick, dwelling in *Portſmouth*, perſonally came and appeared; *Iſrael Phippany* and *Peter Freeland*, now belonging to the *Raper-Galley*, lately arrived there from the *Eaſt Indies*, and did ſolemnly declare upon the Holy Evangeliſt; that they the ſaid Appearers did both formerly belong to a Ship called the *Speedy Return*, belonging to the *Scoth* Company, Trading to *Affrica* and the *Eaſt-Indies* (of which Capt. *Robert Drummond* was Commander);

mander) and that on or about the Twenty Sixth Day of *May*, which was in the Year 1071. The ſaid Ship the *Speedy Return* ſailed from *Newport Glaſcow* in *Scotland* in Company with the *Content Briganteen*, Capt. *Stewart* Commander, and afterwards Arrived at *Bangole* in *Guinea*, from thence ſailed to the *Cape of Good-Hope*, and from thence to the Iſland of St. *Marys* in *Madagaſcar*, where the ſaid Ship the *Speedy Return*, and the ſaid *Briganteen* took on board *Negroes*, which were Tranſported to *Don Maſcarenhas*; from thence they ſailed to the Port of *Maritan* in *Madagaſcar* aforeſaid, where the ſaid Capt. *Drummond* went on Shoar; and about Nine or Ten Hours after his going on Shoar, Five ſeveral Perſons, who afterwards appeared to be Pirates armed with Piſtols, Swords, and other Weapons, came on board the ſaid *Speedy Return* with a pretence to buy ſomething, and taking the Advantage of the ſaid Capt. *Drummond*, *Andrew Wilky* his Surgeon, and ſeveral of the ſaid Ship's Company being Aſhoar, and others working in the Hold, the ſaid Five Perſons by Force of Arms took Poſſeſſion of the ſaid Ship, and immediately made a Signal, upon which about Forty or Fifty other Pyrates came on board the ſaid Ship, and then took the ſaid *Briganteen* (which was afterwards burnt) and the ſaid Pirates forced theſe Appearers, and the other Perſons on board the ſaid Ship the *Speedy Return* to ſail in Her till ſuch Time as ſhe Arrived at *Rajapore*, a Place ſo called, where the ſaid Ship the *Speedy Return* was alſo burnt, and then theſe Appearers and the other Men that did belong to the ſaid *Speedy Return* went on board a *Moca* Ship, called the *Deffiance*, which ſome time after touched at the Iſland *Mauritius*, where the Appearers made their Eſcape; and the ſaid *Raper-Galley* ſoon after arriving there, the ſaid Appearers went on board her, and are ſince arrived at the Port of *Portſmouth*.

And the ſaid Appearers did farther Declare, That at, or after the the time of taking the ſaid Ship *Speedy Return*, neither the ſaid Capt. *Drummond*, nor any other Perſons belonging to her were Killed or Wounded; neither was ſhe ever Attacked by a Ship called the *Worceſter*, Capt. *Green* Commander, or any other Ship, Sloop or Veſſel whatſoever. In Teſtimony whereof, the ſaid Mayor hath hereunto ſet his Hand, and cauſed the Seal

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of the Office of Mayoralty of the ſaid *Burrough* to be hereunto Affixed the Day and Year firſt within Written.

Signed

Quod Atteſtor rogatus &
Requiſitus ſub manu &
Sigillo meo,
George Huiſh, *Nota.*

Iſraell Phippany.
Peter Freeland.

Depoſitions of John Browne *and* Archibald Hodge, *Skippers, ordered Aboard the* VVorceſter, *by the Lords of the Privy-Council in* Scotland.

THESE two Perſons Depoſitions ſerve chiefly to prove many of the Bales of Goods without Marks; but *John Browne* ſays, the Goods were regularly ſtowed, which confutes a Pretention to the Goods being ſtowed Confuſedly in the Ship, as to Bales of Goods being without Marks, thoſe Goods are pack'd in Matts, and after their firſt putting aboard were reland-ed in *Bengall*, where the Ship went to Refit, and the Goods again Laden aboard the Ship; which by ſo often ſhifting, ſome Marks may be worn out of very ſlight Matts, and ſome perhaps never was Marked, being bought by the *Supra-Cargo*, for the Joint-Account of the Freighters and ſhipped in haſte, and do think, that Goods being unmarked cannot infer they were Pi-ratically taken; for the Goods muſt be packed and ſhipped by ſome body, and conſequently a Neglect in whoever did it.

Affidavits of John Ockley *and* Thomas VVhitehead.

April 5. 1705.

WHICH Day appeared *John Ockley* of *Caterham*, in the County of *Surrey* in the Kingdom of *England*, Mariner, and *Thomas Whitehead* of the Pariſh of St. *Bartholomew* the *Ex-change*,

change, *London*, Mariner; and by Vertue of their Corporal Oaths depoſed, That he the ſaid *John Ockley* ſerved as Midſhipman, and he the ſaid *Thomas Whitehead* as Captain's Servant on board the Ship *Worceſter*; whereof *Thomas Green* is, or late was Maſter or Commander, in her late Voyage from the Port of *London* to the *Eaſt-Indies*; and during all the time ſhe continued there, and from thence to the time of her Arrival in *Leith Road* in *Scotland*, which was in, or about the Month of *July* laſt paſt; And theſe Deponents well know what Ships the ſaid Ship *Worceſter* was in Company of, and what Ports and Places ſhe Traded at during her aforeſaid Voyage, and well knows, that neither the ſaid Ship *Worceſter* nor her Sloop fought or had any Engagement with any Ship, Sloop or Veſſel whatſoever, during the aforeſaid Voyage, and none of the Company of the ſaid Ship *Worceſter* received any Wounds during the ſaid Voyage, ſaving that *George Haines*, Steward of the ſaid Ship (as theſe Deponents were Informed and believe) received a Cut in his Foot as he was cutting of Wood at *Delagoa*, on the Coaſt of *Africa*, by the Ax with which he was cutting the ſaid Wood, and ſaving that *John Norman* a *Dutch* Man, a Mariner on board the ſaid Ship (received as theſe Deponers were Informed and believe) a Wound in his Arm, which was given him by playing at *Sneker-ſnee* with *John Cline* a *Dutch* Man, alſo a Mariner on board the ſaid Ship; and ſaving that *Keneth Cowen*, the Boatſwain's Boy of the ſaid Ship (was as theſe Deponents were Informed and believe) bit in the Calf of the Leg by a Dog on the Shoar at *Ibeck* near *Callequilon* on the Coaſt of *Mallabar*; and the ſaid Deponent, *Thomas Whitehead* received a Wound in his Head by a fall from the Ship's Deck into her Hold; and theſe Deponents alſo ſeverally depoſed, That they ſaw no Perſon killed during the ſaid Voyage, and do not know, believe or have heard that there was any Ship or Veſſel whatſoever taken by the ſaid Ship *Worceſter*, or her *Sloop* during the ſaid Voyage, or that there were any Goods, Stores or Proviſions whatſoever taken by the Company of the ſaid Ship *Worceſter*, or her *Sloop* out of any other Ship or Veſſel whatſoever by Piracy; or that the ſaid Ship *Worceſter*, or her *Sloop*, had at any time, during the ſaid Voyage, any Goods, Stores or Proviſions on board, ſaving what were

were fairly Purchaſed or Given, as Preſents to the Captain and others of the ſaid Ship's Company: And theſe Deponents do not know, believe, or have heard that they ſaw, or were in Company with the Ship *Speedy Return*, or any *Scotch* Ship whatſoever, till her return to the *North* of *Scotland*; and theſe Deponents never heard any thing of, or concerning the ſaid Ship *Speedy Return*, Capt. *Drummond* Commander, or any other *Scotch* Ship whatſoever during the ſaid Voyage, ſaving that theſe Deponents were Informed by one *Robert Innes* a *Scotch* Man at *Calcuta* on *Hugley* River, That he the ſaid *Innes* was Chief *Supra-Cargo* of a *Scotch* Ship, which was Caſt away ſometime before; but theſe Deponents do not remember what Name the ſaid *Innes* ſay'd the ſaid Ship was called by, nor the Place were he ſaid ſhe was Caſt away.

John Ockley.

Jurat quinto die April, 1705. *Coram me,*

Tho. Whitehead.

Robert Clayton.

Affidavits of Mr. George Madder, *and* Mr. Salathiel Rolph.

GEorge *Madder* and *Salathiel Rolph* of *London*, Mariners, make Oath, That the Ship *Worceſter*, *Thomas Green* Commander arriven at *Anjango*, on the Coaſt of *Mallabar* about the middle of *November*, One thouſand ſeven hundred and two, at which time theſe Deponents were then there. That on the ſeven and twentieth of the ſaid Month, theſe Deponents being bound for *Surat*, left the ſaid Ship riding at *Quilon* on the ſaid Coaſt. That the Happy Hour Capt. *Hambleton* Commander arrived at *Surat* about the middle of *March* following. That the ſaid Capt. *Hambleton* told theſe Deponents, that he left the ſaid Ship *Worceſter* at *Callicut* on the aforeſaid Coaſt about the mid-

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dle of *February* then laſt paſt. That theſe Deponents arrived at *Cochin* on the the ſaid Coaſt in the Ship *Albemarle*, *William Beawes* Commander, bound for *England*, on the twentieth Day of *April*, One thouſand ſeven hundred and three, where ſeveral Perſons came from the Shoar to the ſaid Ship, of whom theſe Deponents enquired after the Ship *Worceſter*, and were told, that ſhe ſailed from thence about Ten Days before. And that theſe Deponents did never hear at any Place in the *Eaſt-Indies* of any Robbery, Piracy or Murther committed by any of the ſaid Ship *Worceſter*'s Crew; and do verily believe, that if any ſuch Crimes had been committed, theſe Deponents ſhould have heard thereof.

George Madder.

Jurat viceſimo ſexto die Martij, 1705. *Coram me,*

Salathiel Rolph.

J. Smith.

A LETTER from Captain George VVeoley *to Mr.* Pennyng, *Chief of the* Engliſh Eaſt-India *Company's Factory at* Callicut.

Novemb. the 7th. 1703.

Worſhipful Sir,

YOurs of the 5th reach'd my Hands, this Morning the 11th Hour; it being impoſſible for me to give you an Account at large of every Thing relating to the Actions of the Pirats, but here ſend you the Heads of what I ſaw, and what I had from their Mouths in Diſcourſes at ſeveral Times, *viz.* That Three Years paſt, one Capt. *Merrino*, a *French* Man, and *French* Company, took a Ship belonging to *Surat*, off, or near *Cape Aden*, and made a Prize of her; wherein was conſiderable Riches, and quitted her after they had taken her Moneys and other Things out of her, and ſailed for the Iſland *Maſcarenha*, a general Randezvous

dezvous for Pirats, where the ſaid *Merrino* is now ſettled, and actually become an Inhabitant. This Relation I had from ſome of his own Ship's Company, which are *French* Men, and belonged to the Ship I was Impriſoned in. The ſame Year was taken off St. *Johns* a *Surat* Ship, by the Ship *Speaker*, whoſe Company conſiſted of all Nations to my certain Knowledge, the major part being now in the Pirats on the Coaſt, and the ſame Commander *John Bowen*, here near *Callequilon*, they took Capt. *Conaway* from *Bengall*, ſelling Ship and Goods in Shares, *viz.* One Third Part to a Merchant of *Callequilon*; another Third to a Merchant of *Porca*; the other Third to *Malpa* the *Dutch* Broker of this Place, which Relation I had from Capt. *Bowen*, and ſeveral of his Company; then left the Coaſt, and ſailed for the Iſland *Madagaſcar*; but in the way was loſt on the Iſland *Maritijus*, on St. *Thomas's Reef* where they were moſt curteouſly ceived and feaſted; their Sick carried into their Fort and cured by their Doctor, and a new Sloop ſold them, and ſupplied with all ſorts of Neceſſaries for their cutting her, and making her a Brigantine, which they performed by the middle of *March*, and took their leave of the Governour, giving him Twenty Five Hundred Pieces of Eight, their Veſſels and Neceſſaries, leaving their Laſcars with him to be conveyed for *Surat*; and being invited to make it a place of Refreſhment, ſailed for the Iſland of *Madagaſcar*, where, at a Place on the *Eaſt* ſide, called *Maritan*, the Captain with a Gang ſettled themſelves till two *Scotch* Ships or Veſſels falling in the Port, were both ſurpriſed and taken by them, by another Gang which ſettled at St. *Auguſtine*, the Ship *Proſperous* was taken, the Remainder went for *New Mathelage*, where they gave the King their Brigantine, where I ſaw her and left her when the Pirats ſailed from thence; The Pirates having theſe Three in their Poſſeſſion in ſearching after one another, loſt one of the *Scotch* Veſſels; but at laſt two met at *Mayotta*, where it was my Misfortune to fall into their Hands, and detained by them after they had ſlain my Chief Mate, and another *European*, and plundered what they pleaſed, let the Ship go, and ſailed for *Mathelage*; from thence to the Iſlands *Mayotta* and *Johannah*; from thence to the High-land of St. *Johns*, off which, and at *Surat*'s River-mouth, they took

took Two Sail of *Surat* Ships from *Moca*; ſhe at the Rivers-mouth was taken by *Thomas Howard* in the *Proſperous*, the other by *John Bowen* in the *Speedy Return*, a *Scotch* Ship: Having took the following Sums out of each Ship, *viz.* Out of her taken at the Rivers-mouth, One Hundred Sixty Eight Thouſand pieces of *Eight*, counting each piece of Gold two pieces of *Eight*. In the other Ship was taken Eighty Eight Thouſand pieces of *Eight*; At the ſame reckoning, one Ship they left a Drift off *Daman* without Anchor or Cable, the other they carried to *Rajapore*. Thus by the help of our Friend's Brigantine, have been taken ſix Sail of Ships, and hundreds Ruined: Here in *Rajapore* was both the Pirate's Ships burnt, and both Companies tranſported on board the *Surat* Ship, detaining about ſeventy Laſcars mounting fifty ſix Guns, and one hundred and ſixty four Fighting Men, of which part are forty three *Engliſh*, the better part of the Company *French*, the reſt *Negroes*, *Dutch*, &c. Nations that cries *Yaw*; from whence they ſailed for the Coaſt of *Mallabar*, and about Three Leagues to the *North-ward* of *Cocheen* they Anchored and fired ſeveral Guns, but no Boat coming off, the Quarter-Maſter went near the Shoar, and had Conference by Boat with the People, who ſupplied them next Day with Hoggs, *&c.* Refreſhments. And from *Malpa* the *Dutch* Broker came a Meſſenger, who adviſed of the Ship *Rhimæ*, her being in *Mudbay*, and that if the Pirates would take her he would buy her of them: This I heard my ſelf, and that they ſhould be ſupplied with Pitch, Tarr, and other Neceſſaries. I took an Opportunity to ask the Meſſenger, who ſends the Things on board, not knowing but that I was one of the Pirates, told me the *Dutch*, but he ſhould be ſent off with them; but before he brought them on board I got clear of the Pirates. There had been ſeveral *Dutch* on board, before I got Aſhoar; and ſince my Abode here for my Health, I have ſeen no difference between a Pirate and a Merchant Ship: Both Black and White flocking off with all ſorts of Merchandiſes and Refreſhments, Jewels, Plate, and what not, returning with Coffers of Money: And *Malpa* the Broker has been ſo impudent as to offer them to ſail a ſmall Ship which they want, and asked one *Thomas Punt* to carry her off to them, who denied him, telling him, now he

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was not ashamed to show his Face; but should he be guilty of so base an Action, he must never see the Face of his Countrymen, which made the Gentleman change his Countenance.

Thus are those Villains Encouraged by our pretended Friends, which *Auga Rhimee* cannot chuse but see; and if at his Arrival at *Surat* will speak the Truth, must declare the same. I would have waited on him to that Purpose, but so feard of being taken notice of, and loose the Benefit of the Physician, which at present am in great need of, I dare not do it.

These being the Heads of what I remember, and what I heard, and had from their Mouths in Discourses at several Times, from the Reports of the Pirates on Board them in my seven Months Imprisonment, having omitted nothing but the many Hazards of Life and Abuses received from those Villains. I conclude with my Humble Service to your Self. *&c.* Gentlemen of *Callicut*, I remain,

Your Worship's

Most Humble Servant,

John Carter Brown Library

George VVeoley.

SIR *George Mathews*, Captain of the *London*, met the said Ship *Worcester* on the Coast of *Mallabar*, *February* the 1st, 170$\frac{3}{4}$, and was on board her, and bought some Wine of Capt. *Green*, and left her the 4th of the said Month, and met her again in *Bengall*, and never heard of any Pyracy, Robbery, or Murther, committed by her Crew.

The *Worcester* being very leaky, Capt. *Green* and Mr. *Callant* the *Supra-Cargo* went ashoar to the *English* Fort of *Anjango* on the *Mallabar* Coast on *May* 4. 1703. to advise with the Governour and Council were to go with the Ship to stop their Leaks, who gave Capt. *Green* an ample Certificate, Signed, *J. Braburn*, *Simon Cowse*, *William Kiffin*, advising him to go to *Bengall* to stop the Leaks, which Advice those Gentlemen would not have so kindly given Capt. *Green*

Green, had they thought him guilty of Piracy or Murther, but ought and could have ſtopped him, he being then in their Fort, and being but the very Day before he ſailed from that Coaſt, and long after the time of the pretended Engagement, which they could not be ignorant, of if it had been committed on that Coaſt as is depoſed.

Certificates from Capt. John Blewitt, *Commander of the* Aureng Zeb, *and others; as alſo of the Governour and Council of* Anjango.

TO all Perſons whom it may concern, this is to certifie, That whereas Capt. *Thomas Green*, Commander of the good Ship *Worceſter*, did on the 24th of *April*, 1703, receive an Order in Writing, under the Hand of *Robert Callant*, *Supra*-Cargo of the ſaid Ship, to weigh Anchor, the ſaid Ship then riding at an Anchor at *Callequilon*, upon the Coaſt of *Mallabar*, and to come to an Anchor at *Quilon* on the ſaid Coaſt, purſuant to which Order the ſaid Captain did weigh, or cauſe to be weighed the ſaid Ship's Anchor, and did uſe his beſt Endeavours to come to an Anchor at the ſaid *Quilon*; but meeting with hard Gales of variable and uncertain Winds, together with ſtrong Currents, was drove beyond the ſaid *Quilon*, and obliged to come to an Anchor about three Leagues and an half to the Southward of the ſame, wherein about an Hour's time after coming to an Anchor, it was found the ſaid Ship had ſprung a Leak, which cauſed her to make ten Inches Water in a Glaſs, or Half-hour's time; whereupon a Conſultation was held on board the ſaid Ship, the 30th Day of *April* aforeſaid, by the Perſons whoſe Names are hereunder written, who did then and there reſolve, adjudge, determine, and conclude the ſaid Ship incapable of performing her intended Voyage, without being firſt halled on Shore, and refitted. And the ſaid Parties whoſe Names are hereunder written as aforeſaid, did alſo at the ſame time, adjudge and determine *Tutacareen* Bay, near Cape *Comorin*, upon the ſaid Coaſt, to be the

the moſt convenient Place to hale the ſaid Ship on Shoar, both for the ſafety of her, as alſo the preſervation of her Cargo, as Witneſs their Hands this 30th Day of *April*, 1703.

John Blewitt, *John Reynolds*,
Steph. Grandell, *Will. Baldwin*.
John Madder,

WHereas We the Commander and Council for Affairs of the Right Honourable the Governour and Company of Merchants of *London*, trading to the *Eaſt-Indies* at *Anjango*, upon the *Mallabar* Coaſt, having ſeen a Writing ſubſcribed by Capt. *John Blewitt*, Commander of the Ship *Aureng Zebb*, with his Chief Mate, Mr. *Grandell*, and other Officers belonging to the Ship *Worceſter*, Capt. *Thomas Green* Commander; purporting, that ſeeing the ſaid Ship *Worceſter* has unhappily ſprung a Leak, in ſuch ſort as diſenables her to proceed with ſafety of the Mens Lives, Ship, and Cargo, upon the ſaid Voyage to *Dellagoa* and *England*, till ſhe be laid aſhoar and mended, they adviſe, ſhe may go to *Tutacareen*, near Cape *Comorin*, to be repaired, as is more fully expreſſed by the Copy of the Paper hereunto annexd: And whereas the ſaid Capt. *Green* has thought fit to ask our Advice about his going to repair his Ship at *Tutacareen*, we do ſay, That in our Opinion, it is better for the Owners and Freighters, that he goes directly for *Bengall*, and that for the following Reaſons:

1. *Tutacarèen* being under the Obedience of the *Dutch*, we have known many late Examples of *Engliſh* Ships and Veſſels that went thither in great need of Repairs, who were always refuſed any Aſſiſtance by the *Dutch*, without whoſe Conſent and Aſſiſtance, nothing can be done or procured there.

2. If the *Dutch*, contrary to expectation, ſhould permit the Ship to be laid aſhoar there, then ſeeing the Tyde does not flow above two or three Feet, the Ship muſt be haled up by Cables and other Engines, by which means the Leaden Sheathing will be rubbed off?

3. If that happens, or if for any other occaſion you want Workmen, Planks, or Timber, there is no ſuch thing to be had in the Country, unleſs the *Dutch* will help you with them, and ſpare Stores out of their own Stores; which we do not believe.

4. There is but little Proviſions, and none fit for Salt to be had there, which the *Worceſter* will need for her intended homeward Voyage.

5. There is no hopes that at *Tutacareen*, the Captain can raiſe any Money for his neceſſary occaſion, but by diſpoſing of part of the Cargo, which muſt be done at very low Rates leſs than prime Coſt.

6. If the *Worceſter* goes to *Tutacareen*, ſhe will not get out till *October* next.

Now in *Bengall* you will be ſure to meet aſſiſtance from your own Country-men, you may lay the Ship aſhoar there, with great eaſe, and without rubbing off the Sheathing, you may there get Planks and Workmen, Timber as much as you need, and alſo you will have ſtore of Proviſions; as alſo 'tis likely you may meet with ſuch as will advance Money upon the Ship's Bottom, or otherwiſe for her Repairs, or elſe you may diſpoſe of ſome of the Cargo with ſome profit; and laſtly, you are as near *England* in *Bengall* as at *Tutacareen*.

Now if the *Dutch* at *Tutacareen* ſhould refuſe you all ſort of aſſiſtance, then we do not ſee which way you can ever get the Ship in a Condition to go home: For theſe Reaſons our Opinion is, That you ought to go to *Bengall*, if you think the Ship can perform the Run.

Anjango, May 4. 1703.

J. Brabourne,
Simon Cowſe,
William Kyffin,

By Robert Callant, *Supra-Cargo* of the *Worceſter*.

HAving ſeen the Paper ſigned by Capt. *Blewett*, and his Chief Mate, and by Mr. *Madder*, Chief Mate, *&c.* Officers of the *Worceſter*, declaring the inability of the *Worceſter* going for *Dellagoa*, and *England*, till the Leak ſhe lately ſprung is ſtopp'd: And having thereupon ſeen the Advice of the Commodore, and Council of *Anjango*, to Capt. *Green*, I ſay, That I agree with the Commodore and Council, and think that *Tutacareen* is no good Port for our occaſion; and that it ſuits and agrees beſt with the Intereſt of the Owners and Freighters, that ſeeing the Ship is not in a fit Condition to undertake her Voyage to *Dellagoa* and *England*, that ſhe goes rather to *Bengall* than *Tutacareen*.

Anjango, *May* 4*th*, 1703. *Robert Callant.*

MR. *Edward Wilkinſon*, and Mr. *Francis Morrough*, Supra-Cargoes in the Ship *Reſolution* arrived at *Cannanore* on the *Mallabar* Coaſt, *September* the 14th 1703. from thence went to *Tellechery* and *Callicut* on the ſaid Coaſt, departed from *Callicut November* the 18th 1705. and arrived at *London*, in *Auguſt* 1704. Alſo Mr. *James Croſs* and Mr. *John Rogers*, Supra-Cargoes in the *Alexander-Galley*, arrived at *Cannanore* in *December* 1703. from thence went to *Tellecherry* and *Callicut*. Departed from *Callicut* in *January* 170$\frac{3}{4}$, and arrived at *London* in *October*, 1704. All which Perſons do declare, They never heard of any Piracy, Robbery or Murther committed by Capt. *Green*, Commander of the *Worceſter*, nor by any of the ſaid Ship's Crew in her late Voyage to *Eaſt-India*.

Certificate from Mr. Thomas VVoolley, *Secretary to the Old* Eaſt-India *Company.*

Account of Ships employed by the Old *Eaſt-India* Company; and which have arrived in *England*, being diſpatched from the *Eaſt-Indies*, in, or ſince *October*, 1702.

Ships.	*Commanders.*	*From what Place diſpatch'd.*	*Time of their Departure.*	*When arrived in England.*
Loyal Cook	Rich. Boalton	Fort St. George	October, 1702.	*In* May, 1703.
Hampſhire	Zach. Tovey	Ditto	Ditto	
John & Mary	Bayley Kent	Bay } Bengall	Janu. 1702. }	
Wentworth	Will. Wells	Ditto }	Febr. 1702. }	Novem. 1703.
Fleet Frigate	Tho. Burgeſs	China	Ditto }	
Phœnix	Joh. Carſwell	Fort St. George	Ditto }	
Nathaniel	Ben. Dennis	Bombay	Ditto }	April, 1704.
Loyal Bliſs	Rob. Hudſon	Callicut	Ditto }	
Oreng Zeb	Jo. Grandille	Callicut	Febr. 1703. }	October, 1704.
Colcheſter	Alex. Reed	Fort St. George	Ditto }	
Union	Joh. Goodſale	China	*About* Feb. 1703.	
Regard	Tho. Warner	Bombay	June, 1704.	March 27. 1705

THESE are humbly to certify all whom it doth or may concern, That the Above-mentioned Twelve Ships are all the Ships employed by the Governour and Company of Merchants of *London*, trading into the *Eaſt-Indies*, commonly call'd the *Old Eaſt-India Company*, which have arrived in *England* within the Times above-mentioned; and that in the Letters which they brought to the Company, there is no Advice or Account, that the Ship *Worceſter*, Capt. *Thomas Green* Cammander, or any Men belonging to her had committed any Piracy or Hoſtilities, during their ſtay in the ſaid *Eaſt-Indies*.

It is further humbly certified, That the ſaid *Eaſt-India* Company have a Letter from the Preſident and Council at *Fort William* in *Bengall*, dated *November* 18. 1703. wherein the Preſident and Council Write, that they had ſent the ſaid Letter by the *Worceſter-Frigate*, Capt. *Green* Commander, but intended to enlarge

enlarge by the *Colcheſter*, and the ſaid Company received the ſame from *Scotland* the 7th of *Auguſt* laſt. The ſaid Preſident and Council likewiſe at the ſame time wrote by the *Worceſter* to the Court of Managers for the United Trade of the *Engliſh* Company, trading to the *Eaſt-Indies*, which was alſo received from *Scotland* in *Auguſt* aforeſaid, but do not mention therein any thing of Piracies or Hoſtilities committed by her, or any of her Men in the *Eaſt-Indies*.

Tho. Woolley, Secretary.

Dated at the *Eaſt-India* Houſe in *London* the 7th of *April*, 1705.

Certificate from Mr. John Gardner, *Secretary to the* New Eaſt-India *Company.*

Tankerville, Capt. *Newman* from *Bengall*, Jan. 27. 170¾. Arrived in *England* the 4th of *November*, 1704.

Hallifax, Capt. *Hudſon* from *Bengall*, Jan. 25. 170¾. Arrived in *England* the 4th of *November*, 1704.

Robert and *Nathaniel*, Capt. *Smyth* from *China*, November 22. 170¾. Arrived the 5th of *October*, 1704.

Liampo, Capt. *Monck* from *China* in *Jan.* 170¾. Arrived the 4th of *November*, 1704.

Edward and *Dudly*, Capt. *Lambert* from *Borneo*, March 30. 1704. Arrived the 26th of *March* 1705.

ABove is an Account of all the Ships belonging to the *New Eaſt-India Company*, which departed from *India* ſince *May* 1703. and are ſince Arrived in *England*, by whom the Company has received no Account or Relation of any Piracy committed by Capt. *Green*, Commander of the *Worceſter*, or by any belonging to him.

Skinner's Hall, London *the* 7th *of April*, 1705.

John Gardner, Secretary to the ſaid Company.

By

BY the foregoing Affidavits, *&c.* and by the Teſtimony of ſeveral other Perſons, who were on the *Mallabar* Coaſt, and at *Surat* and *Bengall*, both at the time, and ſeveral times ſince the *Worceſter* was on the Coaſt of *Mallabar*, it does plainly appear, that no ſuch Piracy or Murther has been heard of in *India*, nor no ſuch Ship or Men miſſing, as is pretended to be Piratically taken and Murthered, which if it had been true, the taken Ship muſt unavoidably have been known to Mr. *J. Braburne*, the Governour of *Anjango*; it being depoſed, ſhe was ſold to *Coga Comodo* at *Quilon*, which is but Twenty Miles from *Anjango*, and if it had been known to him, he would moſt certainly have adviſed the *Eaſt-India* Company thereof by ſome of their Ships before-mentioned.

During the Voyage from the *Mallabar* Coaſt to *Bengall*, and thence to *Scotland*, which was about Fifteen Months, none of the Witneſſes againſt Capt. *Green*, and Crew, pretend to have heard any Diſcourſe of any taken Ship. Nay, the Surgeon, *Charles May* one of thoſe Witneſſes depoſes, that he never heard any ſuch Diſcourſe; neither doth any of them pretend to know of any thing Piratically taken, ſave ſome *China* Root, which is a general Comodity, and is not pretended to have any Mark to be known by, neither does it appear on the ſtrict Search that has been made in *Scotland* by the Lords of the Privy-Council, on their ſeeing unladen all the Cargoe, and ſearching all Cabbins, Cheſts Scretores, *&c.* and even ripping off many of the Planks of the Ship; wherein nothing appears, either in the Cargo, or otherwiſe, which can be ſaid to be piratically taken; neither can any thing relating to the pretended Piracy and Murther be collected by the *Scots* out of the Journal's Books, Accompts, and Papers: All which were ſeized and examined by them, when the Ship was firſt ſeized in *Scotland*, which was many Months before Capt. *Green*, and his Crew was apprehended for Piracy and Murther.

When Capt. *Green*, and his Crew were apprehended in *Edenborough* at that time, *Ballantine*, a *Scotch-man*, and one of the *Worceſter*'s Crew, during his Voyage to *India*, was with his Friends at *Burroughſtoneſs*, ſome Miles from *Edenborough*, where a War-

a Warrant was ſent to apprehend him ; who being informed thereof by ſome Friend, that he might make his eſcape ; did nevertheleſs go away by himſelf (and not in Cuſtody) immediately to *Edinborough*, and there ſurrendred himſelf to Juſtice, as knowing his own Innocency, but is now condemned with Capt. *Green*, &c.

Thomas Linſtead a Paſſenger in the *Worceſter*, and *George Haynes*, Servant to Capt. *Green*, were both Condemned for Piracy, *&c.* ſince which, as we are informed, theſe Two Perſons has made Confeſſions of, and relating to the Crimes charged againſt Capt. *Green* and Crew, and that *George Haines* has his Pardon, and *Thomas Linſtead* is to have his Pardon. As yet we have received no Copy of their Confeſſions, ſo cannot anſwer thereto : But if that be true which the *Flying-Poſt* publiſhes in his Paper of *April* 5. 1705. We hope the foregoing Affidavits, *&c.* is ſufficient to Confute all therein relating to the Piracy and Murther. And whereas *George Haines* therein Confeſſes, that when the *Worceſter* was in the *Downs*, he received a Letter from a Friend in *London*, telling him that 'twas ſurmiſed in *London* ; that their Ship was going out upon ſome Ill Deſign, and that he had likewiſe another Letter from his Father to the ſame Purpoſe. In Anſwer to which give the following Affidavit.

Note, Theſe Confeſſions is after their Condemnation.

Affidavit of Mr. George Haines.

George Haines, one of the Elders of the *Eaſt-India* Ware-Houſe in *Leaden-hall-ſtreet*, *London*, maketh Oath, That he this Deponent never heard, that the Ship call'd the *Worceſter*, Capt. *Green* Commander went out upon any Ill Deſign, neither did he this Deponent ever Write any ſuch thing to his Son *George Haines* before the ſaid Ship the *Worceſter* departed from the *Downs*, on her Voyage for the *Eaſt-Indies* ; neither did

did he this Deponent ever receive any Letter from his ſaid Son *George Haines*, that the ſaid Ship the *Worceſter* was going out upon an Ill Deſign.

George Haines.

Jurat ſeptimo die Aprilis anno Dom. 1705. *Coram me,*

O. Buckingham, *Mayor.*

WHereas in the *Flying-Poſt* aforeſaid is mentioned, That while the Ship was on the Coaſt of *Mallabar* ſhe ſprung a Leak in the Streak next the *Keel*, and that they did not go in to help the Leak on the Coaſt of *Mallabar*, being always reputed Pirates after the aforeſaid Action and ſelling the Ship to *Coga Comodo*. In anſwer to which, refer to the Certificate of Mr. *J. Braburne*, &c. Governour and Council of *Anjango*.

And whereas in the *Flying-Poſt* aforeſaid is mentioned a Letter from the Owners in *London* to Capt. *Green* which bore, that altho' the Crew were condemn'd in *Scotland*, they had Pardons ready to ſend down for them, which is notoriouſly Falſe; for there never was any Letter writ from the Owners and Freighters to that Purpoſe, ſave one by *T. H.* Copy of which is here-under.

IF pleaſe God you ſhould be convicted, ſend an Expreſs immediately with the particular Account of your Trial, as full as if it were to be printed, and particularly the full Evidence of the Witneſſes, and if upon Oath, or otherwiſe, that we may try to get a Pardon from the Queen; which I will uſe my utmoſt Endeavours to procure, *&c.*

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